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SUBJ: CIVAIR: US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: NAL
CONTINGENCY PLANS

REF: (A) STATE 140243 (B) PARIS 17845 (C) MILLER-
MAGNOR TELCONS JUNE 17

1. REBOURS, NATIONAL AIRLINES' LOCAL REP, AGREED
WITH SCENARIO WHEREBY CAA WOULD PHONE
ESPEROU AND SOUND HIM OUT INFORMALLY, HOPEFULLY
PREPARING THE GROUND FOR NATIONAL FILING FOR
ADDITIONAL CAPACITY ON MIAMI-PARIS ROUTE. HOWEVER,
ESPEROUS WAS ABSENT FROM DGAC AT A MEETING
AND NOT DUE BACK IN THE OFFICE TILL MONDAY MORNING.
CAA IS EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO RAISE THIS MATTER
WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN ESPEROU AT DGAC AND
REBOURS IS IN FULL AGREEMENT THIS POINT.
NATIONAL FILING LATE AFTERNOON TODAY, FRIDAY,
WOULD NOT BE ACTED ON ANYWAY AT DGAC BEFORE MONDAY, SO
REBOURS WILL HOLD UP ON FILING UNTIL THAT DAY AFTER
WE HAVE HAD CHANCE TALK WITH ESPEROU.

2. LINE WE PROPOSE TAKE WITH ESPEROU IS THAT
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NATIONAL'S MIAMI-PARIS SERVICE HAS SOLD
EXYREMELY WELL, SO THAT DGAC'S EARLIER EXPRESSED
RESERVATIONS ON WHETHER CAPACITY OFFERING (FOUR
FREQUENCIES WEEKLY) WAS EXCESSIVE, AND WHICH
SEEMS INDIRECTLY ALLUDED TO IN GOF AIDE-MEMORE
(REF B), WOULD APPEAR UNFOUNDED. IN FACT, DEMAND
MAY BE SUCH THAT NATIONAL WOULD HAVE TO OPERATE

EXTRA SECTIONS. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, INFLUX
OF LONDON TRAFFIC SHOULD US-UK AIR SERVICE BE
SUSPENDED WOULD, IT NOW SEEMED, WARRANT CONSIDERABLY
MORE CAPACITY THAN NATIONAL HAD ENVISAGED, WITH
RESULT THAT EVEN MORE EXTRA SECTIONS MIGHT BE
REQUIRED AND, IF NEEDS OF TRAVELING PUBLIC WERE
TO BE ADEQUATELY MET, POSSIBLY EVEN ADDITIONAL
FREQUENCIES WOULD BE JUSTIFIED. IN SHORT, AIM
WOULD TO BE TO JOLLY ESPEROU INTO LOOKING
FAVORABLY AT EVENTUAL FILING AND NOT GREET IT
WITH SUSPICION THAT GOF WAS BEING HAD WHEN
CONFRONTED WITH MASSIVE, LAST-MINUTE INCREASE
IN NATIONAL'S CAPACITY OFFERING BEYOND THAT ON
WHICH DGAC HAD BASED ITS STUDY AND FINAL
APPROVAL OF NATIONAL'S ORIGINAL APPLICATION. WE
DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WILL WORK, BUT IT'S WORTH
A TRY.
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